GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1092
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ANGANWADI WORKERS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA;SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have announced any increase in the honorarium of Anganwadi workers in the Union Budget of 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have released any additional funds on this account to State Governments;

(d) if so, the reason for not releasing the funds to the Government of Gujarat as yet;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to involve Anganwadi workers in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Scheme;

(f) if so, the role of Anganwadi workers in this programme;

(g) whether the Government have provided any additional funds to modernise Anganwadi Bhavans under this scheme;

(h) if so, details thereof;

(i) the funds allocated for this scheme during 2002-2003 and the funds spent so far;

(j) whether the Government have any proposal to launch Anganwadi Workers Schemes in every block of the States withpermanent staff; and

(k) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has increased the honoraria of Anganwadi Workers by Rs.500 per month and of Anganwadi Helpers by Rs. 240 per month w.e.f. 1.4.2002. Additional funds have been released to all States, including Gujarat.

(e)&(f) Yes, Sir. The State Governments have been requested to strengthen the linkage between Early Childhood Education under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Schemeand Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)under the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), by providing trainingto Anganwadi Workers on the pattern of the initiatives under DPEP and SSA.

(g)&(h) No, Sir. However, construction of Anganwadi Centreshas been approved under the World Bank-assisted Projects and in North-Eastern States.

(i) The budget for 2002-03 for the ICDS Scheme andfunds released to the States (till 20.2.2003) are Rs.1919.17 crore and Rs.1658.02 crore respectively.

(j) No, Sir.

(k) Does not arise.